

**Minutes of the Carlisle Board of Health
March 13, 2012**

Present: Board members Jeff Brem (Chairman-arrived late), Mark Caddell, Bill Risso, Cathy Galligan; Donna Margolies; also present Linda Fantasia (Agent), Anne Marie Brako (Mosquito),

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Caddell at 7:00 p.m.

WARRANT ARTICLES

Camp Fees – the Board had requested an increase in camp renewal fees from \$10 to \$50. Other towns have significantly higher fees (Weston \$350, Concord \$250-\$400, Bedford \$50). The Board agreed the present fee does not cover costs. Fantasia does the pre-camp review which includes CORI checks, immunization forms, camp self-checklist and meetings with camp directors. The estimated time is five hours. There were two sport camps last year that had to be licensed. Enrollment in the British Soccer Camp runs from \$98- \$220 for full days. Fantasia said the most time consuming task is last minute enrollments. She said that Recreation which sponsors the camps retains a portion of the fees to offset their costs. Town Counsel has suggested authorizing the Board to set the fees rather than stating a specific number in the General Bylaws. The Board agreed. The Board will discuss the matter further with Recreation. The Board will meet later in the evening with the Selectmen who are closing the warrant.

Community Septic Loan Program – Fantasia had spoken with Nihar Mohanty of DEP. Carlisle would be eligible for another \$10K administrative grant with a second loan. Carlisle received \$15K with the first loan. The loan would also be interest free for the first 3 years. Mohanty does not see a problem with including a “sunset clause” to cover administrative costs for short term loans. The Board agreed that it should continue the program and ask for another \$200K. Fantasia expects the program to pick up when the economy improves and interest rates rise. The Board agreed to start publicizing the program again. Fantasia would like to hire someone to prepare the financial submittals. There are filing requirements with MWPAT that need to be met. This would relieve the burden on the town accountant. Risso suggested that the town’s accountant should be reimbursed from the administrative grant rather than contracting the work out.

Public Health Article – The purpose of the fund will be “prevention of disease”. This should cover clinics, trainings, and education but without being too broad. Galligan said that unforeseen problems can arise such as the high rate of needle sticks identified at the H1N1 Clinics. The fund needs some flexibility. Brem arrived and the Board updated him on their actions.

It was moved (Risso) and seconded (Brem) to approve Article 18 (camp fees) as written. Motion passed 5-0-0.
It was moved (Risso) and seconded (Brem) to approve Article 19 (Public Health Fund) as written. Motion passed 5-0-0.

It was moved (Risso) and seconded (Galligan) to approve Article 26 (Community Septic Loan Program).
Motion passed 5-0-0.
Brem assumed the chair.

BILLS – It was moved (Risso) and seconded (Caddell) to pay the bills as presented (Emerson Home Care, Payrolls). Motion passed 5-0-0.

MINUTES – next meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tick Borne Illness - Al DeMaria, M. D. (DPH) will give a presentation to local health officials on 4/17/12 at Emerson Hospital. Carlisle and Concord are working on a public education program.

Foss Farm – irrigation well was installed. The old well was decommissioned. A picture of the well was submitted
Regional Health Dialogues – Board members are invited. The Public Health Commissioner is the keynote speaker.

FY12 Budget – 31% has been spent. Fantasia warned that salaries may run short. The 53E ½ account balance is less than \$9K. The Board noted that Ralph Metivier is a stipended employee. He is paid out of the 53E account.

Public Health Initiative Together (PHIT) – Fantasia has been meeting monthly with health agents from Concord, Acton, Stow, Hudson, Maynard and Lincoln. The group shares resources and looks for grant opportunities.

36 Log Hill Road – The property has a failed system that has not been upgraded. The house was sold soon after the upgrade permit was issued in 2007. The permit expired in 2011 following an extension under the Permit Extension Act until 2011. Initially the house was unoccupied but now there are tenants. Two letters were sent to the owner and tenants in 2010 and 2011. There has been no response from either the property owner or the tenants. The upgrade also required an Order of Conditions from the Conservation Commission. The Board was concerned about the length of time the system has been in failure, the fact that the existing system is located close to a wetland, and that the house is occupied. The Board decided that it should take enforcement action. The Board instructed Fantasia to do a site inspection. She will attempt to contact the owner and/or tenant by telephone. The Board will send an Order to Correct citing the violations of the state sanitary code and state environmental code. In order to inspect the property the Board agreed to authorize Fantasia to go on the property. Brem said this was allowed by statute.

It was moved (Risso) and seconded (Caddell) to prepare a letter to be signed by the Board of Health Chairman authorizing Health Agent Linda Fantasia to do a site inspection at 36 Log Hill Road, Carlisle MA to determine the condition of the existing septic system. Motion passed 5-0-0. Brem will sign the letter.

The Board noted that town officials should have picture identifications. Fantasia said this was addressed at the last department heads meeting.

O'Rourke Water Study – the Board reviewed the Water Rights Plan narrative. They asked to see the plan.

Daisy Clean Up – the new LSP will be testing the six private wells identified for remediation by DEP. They will share the reports with the Board. This will save the town the cost of testing.

Town Election May 8, 2012 – Margolies will run again; Caddell is not running for re-election; Vallabh Sarma is the prospective candidate.

Rabies Clinic – 3/17/12 1:00-3:00 pm at town hall. The clinic has been posted on the state website.

Hazardous Waste – 5/5/12 9:00 am-noon. Each year the Board tries to emphasize that latex paint will not be accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

Nitrogen Loading Limitations – Risso had contacted Dave Ferris and Tom Lamont of DEP to ask how the 440 GPD per acre nitrogen loading limitation was decided. Lamont had been on the committee that did the initial research for the 1995 Title 5 Code. Initially the data resulted in 330 GPD per acre (40,000 sf). This was increased to 440 GPD. Their formula calculated roof area, paved surfaces, lawn, and natural areas for an acre in order to maintain a maximum of 10 mg/L nitrogen (drinking water standard) at the property line. Lamont said that wetlands would interfere with the nitrogen uptake. The Board has been considering a groundwater protection model based on nitrogen loading when a second structure is proposed for a lot. Title 5 does not make this distinction. Lamont agreed that wetlands would interfere with nitrogen uptake. Risso asked if the Board wanted him to pursue the topic more or not. Board members agreed they were interested in exploring the issue further. It might be possible to allow a single family residence on a lot in accordance with current zoning, but apply a different nitrogen standard should additional accessory structures be added. This would not encroach on the legality of a lot under zoning but could identify environmental issues that might impact the town's resources. Risso said the state has a program that calculates nitrogen loading. If the Board were to base a regulation on these calculations, it would have scientific justification. Brem said the distance from the property line for a system could be more crucial than the amount of available acreage. Board members agreed to pursue the issue further and thanked Risso for his efforts.

There was no further business discussed. Meeting voted to adjourn at 8:30 pm. so members could attend the Selectmen's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Fantasia,
Recorder